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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Ross A. Caputo *et al.*

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For: **APPARATUS FOR TESTING
STERILIZATION METHODS AND
MATERIALS**

Examiner: Monzer R. Chorbaji

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**RESPONSE TO APRIL 7, 2005 OFFICE ACTION, INCLUDING
AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 7, 2005, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. This response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before August 8, 2005, because August 7, 2005 falls on a Sunday. 37 CFR §§ 1.7, 1.8, and 1.136. A check payable to the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office in the amount of \$60.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time is enclosed. 37 CFR § 1.17.

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A small entity fee of \$450.00 is believed to be due for the presentation of eighteen extra dependent claims (nine new claims, numbers 48-56, each counting as two claims), and a check payable to the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for that amount is also enclosed.

If any additional fee beyond the amount of either check is due, please charge that additional fee (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this page 2 is enclosed.

Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION: None.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 20 of this paper.